

## House Resolution No. 994

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased to recognize those outstanding individuals who risk their lives for the safety of those they serve and protect each day; and

**Whereas**, Darren Knight, a volunteer fireman with the Owensville Fire Protection District in Owensville, Missouri, is to be commended for saving the lives of a local couple who had fallen through a frozen clay pit while trying to save their grandson; and

**Whereas**, Johnny and Norma Sexton were at home when their grandson's friend, Tyler Nelson, knocked on their door and notified them that their grandson, Clayton Smith, had fallen through the ice of an abandoned clay pit on their property; and

**Whereas**, the Sextons raced to the water where their grandson was trapped, at which time Johnny entered the freezing water and successfully boosted his grandson onto the ice and slid him toward the bank where Norma was waiting; and

**Whereas**, although their grandson was safely out of the water, the Sextons were now stuck in the icy water themselves; and

**Whereas**, volunteer fireman Darren Knight, who was remodeling his home up the road, was contacted by the Sexton's daughter and granddaughter and arrived at scene within minutes, at which time he helped firemen use a twelve-foot aluminum ladder to rescue the couple, crawling out to them on the ladder and holding on to them until firemen could get another ladder and some rope to them; and

**Whereas**, thanks to the quick thinking and heroic efforts of Darren Knight, the Sextons were pulled to safety and were able to make a full recovery:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Darren Knight at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Darren Knight.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charles Schlottach  
District No. 111

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 994, adopted March 5, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker